



THE NVH OBSERVER

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STATE OF NEBRASKA VISION:
GROW NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA — MISSION:
CREATE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MORE
EFFECTIVE, MORE
EFFICIENT,
AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED
STATE GOVERNMENT

Greetings,

With February upon us, members and staff at the Norfolk Veterans' Home continue to enjoy a variety of activities in and out of the facility. It's been wonderful to see members outside more often with some of the nice weather we've been enjoying recently.

As I've mentioned previously, staff members at NVH are preparing for our annual USVA survey, which is scheduled to take place sometime in March. We appreciate the role everyone plays in making these surveys a success.

Throughout the year we remember and celebrate events such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and a variety of other important milestones that represent veterans sacrificing so we can enjoy freedom. At NVH, we recognize the service of our veterans every day, and there are several significant historical events that occurred in the month of February that show the importance of year-round recognition for our veterans!

One of the most iconic battles in U.S. military history, the Battle of Iwo Jima, began on February 19, 1945, during World War II. U.S. Marines faced fierce resistance from Japanese defenders, leading to a brutal, month-long battle. The famous flag-raising on Mount Suribachi, captured in an iconic photograph, symbolized American perseverance and became a lasting image of the war.

Another major military event familiar to many concluded in February 1968: the Tet Offensive. This large-scale, coordinated attack by North Vietnamese forces and the Viet Cong began in late January but carried into February. U.S. and South Vietnamese forces successfully repelled the offensive, but the conclusion of the Tet Offensive marked a turning point in the war, leading to a shift in U.S. policy and eventual withdrawal from Vietnam.

Finally, in February 1991, the Gulf War entered its decisive phase with the launch of the ground campaign on February 24. After weeks of aerial bombardment, U.S.-led coalition forces swiftly advanced into Iraq and Kuwait, overwhelming Iraqi forces in just 100 hours. This rapid victory demonstrated the effectiveness of modern military technology and coalition warfare.

These are just a few of the major military events that have occurred in the month of February. Many of the veterans we serve in our State Veterans' Homes were important factors in the success of these military campaigns, so please take the time to thank a veteran – no matter what the month!

Sincerely,

Josh Stafursky, Administrator

HOME HAPPENINGS



Men's Top Hat
Pizza Party.
Sponsored by
Nebraska Dept.
American Legion
Auxiliary.



Dreamers Place Pet Visits



HOME HAPPENINGS



Norfolk American Legion Family sponsored BINGO.



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER & YEAR



Jodi Smith was selected Employee of the Quarter and the Year for the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

Jodi is a positive asset to the Home, Dietary Department and State for almost 23 years.

She knows all the members well and treats them with respect, calling them by name and visiting with them while maintaining a steady pace to ensure the meals are served hot and in a timely manner.

When it is necessary to prepare meal trays to be taken into member's rooms, she knows what foods they prefer and patiently teaches and works with other staff to ensure it is done correctly.

Congratulations Jodi!

In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave. ~Calvin Coolidge

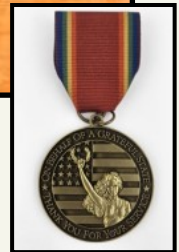
Betty Sirek
Spouse of a U.S. Army Veteran



WORLD WAR II VETERAN RECOGNITION CEREMONY



World War II veterans were recognized at an awards ceremony Monday, December 30th at the Norfolk Veterans' Home. Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs Director John Hilgert recognized each WWII Veteran for their service, presenting them with a signed certificate marking the occasion and thanked them for their service. Those being honored were (from left) Jim Black, Ed Krepel, Donald Maulding, Norman Sellin and Marion Slusarski.



SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

Frankie N.

U.S. Navy Veteran

Rae Leah S.

U.S. Air Force Veteran

David S.

U.S. Army Veteran

NEW NVH EMPLOYEES



Sarah Colunga
Staff Care Tech II



Hanah Wehrle
Food Service Assistant



Destiny Callenius
Custodian/Housekeeper



Haylea Frisk
Custodian/Housekeeper



David Pinney
State Veteran Service Officer



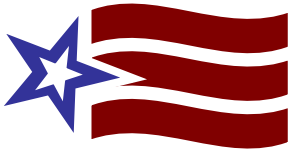
Tessia Fox
Food Service Assistant

Please welcome the following new staff to the Norfolk Veterans' Home.

WELCOME



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Norfolk, NE 68701
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Norfolk Veterans Home

Bits & Pieces

CENSUS
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3110



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NEBRASKA VETERANS, THEIR SPOUSES AND GOLD STAR
PARENTS.**

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DODIE FINKHAUS @ (402)370-3109**

